

Memorandum of Conversation

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SUBJECT: Activities of Yaroslav Stetsko in Canada

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At his initiative Mr. Wallis came in today and handed me a memorandum dated October 6, a copy of which is attached, outlining the activities of Mr. Yaroslav Stetsko, President of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations, on his recent visit in Canada.

Mr. Wallis volunteered that of course the visit of Mr. Stetsko to the Department of External Affairs in no way committed the Canadian Government to any policy toward Stetsko or his political aims. He said that Stetsko had desired to be received by the Prime Minister or by Mr. Pearson, but having been told they were not available, he agreed to call on Mr. Watkins, Chief of the European Division.

In reply to my question about visa requirements for aliens active in political movements abroad, Mr. Wallis said he was not entirely familiar with the Canadian visa requirements but he thought that if an alien could show that he was a bona fide visitor, had ample means of support, and was sponsored by a Canadian organization or source, he could receive a visitors visa without difficulty. He cited in this connection that there had been foreign communists admitted to Canada for the purpose of making speeches or lectures.

Mr. Wallis' call and the attached recital of events in connection with Mr. Stetsko's visit to Canada were the result of my inquiry to Mr. Wallis some weeks ago.

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